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FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE

1. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMAN
AND LAN JAMES, CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE
JULY 31. THE CONVERSATION, WHICH WAS CORDIAL AND FRANK,
COVERED LOS AND SOME UNRELATED GENERAL POLITICAL TOPICES.

2. AT DE LA PUENTE'S REQUEST, RICHARDSON GAVE SOME IMPRESSIONS
OF HIS CURRENT TRIP IN SOUTH AMERICA. IT HAD BEEN USEFUL TO
COMPARE NOTES WITH OFFICIALS IN THE COUNTRIES HE HAD VISITED
AND TO CONCENTRATE ON APPROACHES TO THE RESUMED SESSION IN NEW
YORK. RICHARDSON NOTED THE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE OF THE
LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE, OBSERVING
THAT NONE CARRIED MORE WEIGHT THAN PERU'S, WITH WHICH WE
HAD WORKED CLOSELY. THE US AND PERU APPROACH THE ISSUES
RELATING TO THE EEZ DIFFERENTLY. A CONSENSUS OF A NEAR
CONSENSUS HAD DEVELOPED ON THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE EEZ.

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THE MOST DIVERGENT, CRITICAL VIEWS ON THIS CONSENSUS ARE HELD
BY PERU AT ONE END OF THE SPECTRUM AND THE USSR AT THE OTHER.
RICHARDSON THOUGHT PERU WOULD IN THE END ACQUIESCE IN THE
COMPROMISE IF THE SOVIETS DROPPED THEIR PROPOSED AMENDMENT.
(LATER DE LA PUENTE REMARKED THAT THE SOVIETS ARE GIVING PERU
"SERIOUS PROBLEMS.") ON THE SET OF ISSUES IN THE EEZ ONLY FINE-
TUNING SEEMED REQUIRED. TWO OTHER MAJOR OUTSTANDING ISSUES,

RICHARDSON NOTE, ARE THE MARGIN AND MARITIME BOUNDARIES. AS TO SEABEDS, RICHARDSON THOUGHT A DURABLE COMPROMISE WAS NOW POSSIBLE ON THE ISSUE OF PRODUCTION CONTROLS. THE CHANCES OF THE US-CANADIAN COMPROMISE BEING ACCEPTED DEPENDED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ON FURTHER REVIEW WITH THE US GOVERNMENT AND THE ATTITUDE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COUNTRIES AND JAPAN, WHICH ARE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE TERMS OF THE COMPROMISE. IF THE PRODUCTION CONTROL ISSUE COULD BE SATISFACTORILY SETTLED, RICHARDSON THOUGHT WE COULD ENLIST THE HELP OF THE LAND BASED PRODUCERS, ESPECIALLY PERU, TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE SEABEDS ISSUES.

3. DE LA PUENTE SPOKE HIGHLY OF JORGE CHAVEZ SOTO, WHO HAS REPLACED ALVARO DE SOTO AS DIRECTOR OF LOS AFFAIRS. ARIAS SCHREIBER MAY NOT ATTEND THE RESUMED SESSION, BUT HE HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO AGREE TO ARIAS' REQUEST (FOR PERSONAL REASONS) TO SKIP THE SESSION. IF , AS SEEMED LIKELY, ARIAS DID NOT ATTEND, ALZAMORA (PERUVIAN PERMREP AT THE UN) WOULD HEAD THE DELEGATION.

CHAVEZ AND DE SOTO WOULD ALSO BE PRESENT. ARIAS HAD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, POINTEDOUT THAT SEABEDS ISSUES WOULD DOMINATE THE RESUMED SESSION AND THAT HIS PRESENCE WAS NOT ESSENTIAL. DE LA PUENTE SAID HE DISAGREED, FOR HE SAW THE NEGOTIATIONS AS AN INTEGRATED WHOLE, NO MATTER WHICH ISSUE MIGHT BE THE DOMINANT ONE AT A PARTICULAR SESSION. CONTINUING, HE SAID IT IS ESSENTIAL TO SEE HOW ONE CAN "BALANCE" ONE ISSUE WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANOTHER. HE THOUGHT THE SEABEDS ISSUES WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SOLVE. HE ASKED RICHARDSON WHETHER THE US GOVERNMENT COULD MAKE THE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS RELAZE THAT THEY MUST TRANSFER "SOMETHING" TO MAKE THE ENTERPRISE WORK. HE WAS NOT VERY OPTIMISTIC THAT SEABEDS ISSUES COULD BE RESOLVED. AND AGAIN HE NOTED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A BALANCE BETWEEN THE ISSUES OF THE EEZ AND SEABEDS.

4. RICHARDSON REPLIED THAT THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF ACCOMMODATION ON THE EEZ, AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TREATING SEABEDS AND THE EEZ AS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE IS THE BEST APPROACH.

5. CONCLUDING, DE LA PUENTE SAID THERE IS A DISPOSITION AMONG THE PERUVIAN DELEGATION TO BE POSITIVE TOWARD ACHIEVEMENT OF A TREATY. HOWEVER, HE EMPHASIZED THAT SEABEDS ISSUES ARE VERY DIFFICULT FOR PERU, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEIR RESOURCES ARE SO INVOLVED AND AT A TIME OF PROFOUND CHANGE IN PERU'S POLITICAL SYSTEM.
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